



The Minuteman

The Official Newsletter of the Massachusetts Wing

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From the MAWG Commander

Happy New Year! I hope everybody made some good resolutions that they can use to improve themselves. We all know about resolutions and we all know how good we are at actually keeping them. In a lot of cases we tend to forget about what we resolved to do very quickly, sometimes as soon as temptation presents itself. I'd therefore like to present some resolutions we can make as Massachusetts Wing CAP members and resolve to keep.

1. I resolve to take at least one CAP training course this year. Perhaps it's an SLS, a CLC, UCC, Region Staff College, etc. Furthering my CAP education will improve my standing for promotion, advancement, and give me some time with other dedicated CAP members.
2. I resolve to find one job in my unit that needs doing and simply do it. It can be a position, a project, or something to make the unit better. That way I can have the satisfaction of helping others, helping my unit, helping the wing, and I can have something I'm proud of.
3. I resolve to get a qualification I don't have today, but I've always wanted to have. Perhaps Ground Team Leader, Mission Pilot, Communications Unit Leader, Mission Safety Officer, or any of a bunch of qualifications.
4. I resolve to ask my unit commander, "What can I do to help you?" Then do it. Out unit commanders are the hardest working people in CAP and I'm sure that they all have a list of stuff they would love to have done but don't have the time for.
5. I resolve to recruit one good person into CAP. I further resolve to mentor them, help train them, answer their questions, and make sure they get what they need to become valuable to "my" organization.
6. I resolve to tell three people about CAP, I'll tell them about what we do, why we do it, and the satisfaction we get from doing it.
7. I resolve to find someone in my unit that is junior to me and make sure they are a) happy, b) getting what they need out of their membership, and c) glad they joined. If they are not I'll do everything in my power to help them fix whatever is wrong.
8. I resolve to make sure my fellows in CAP are safe in what they do. I'll watch over my fellow members and make sure that they are taking proper precautions when they are at CAP activities. I'll resolve to not lose any friends this year to preventable accident or injury.



9. I resolve to thank fellow CAP members for their hard work, dedication, and community service. I will try to make sure they get written up for awards even if I have to draft the write-up myself.
10. I resolve to make my unit the best it can be.

If we make and keep as many of these resolutions as we can we will have a significantly improved wing this time next year. We simply can't miss. And so to keep one of mine (specifically Number 9 above), I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for what you do for CAP, your community, your state, and your Nation. I'm proud of you and I certainly know what give up serving something greater than yourself. We are America's premier volunteer organization. We have the best people in the world, and you're one of them! Now it's your turn.

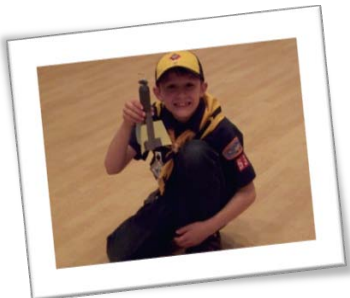
William H. Meskill, Col, CAP
Commander

CAP for CUBS

By Lt Lee Whitney -Goddard Cadet Squadron



Goddard Cadet Squadron in Worcester, MA ushered in the beginning of enhanced aerospace education opportunities when the Aerospace Special Interest Group (ASIG) took flight back in May 09. The focus of this group is to allow cadets with a special interest in aerospace to meet and share their passions through cadet driven activities. The group's focus is divided into two activity areas, internal and external. The internal activities will consist of hands on activities including model rocketry, construction of aerospace projects such as a wind tunnel and a hovercraft, mentoring other cadets in aerospace/model rocketry, and fieldtrips. External activities will be to provide aerospace education to schools and communities along with setting up aerospace displays at events to promote aerospace and CAP. In June, the ASIG performed its first external activity when it was asked to provide Cub Scout Pack 53 of Auburn with an aerospace activity at their open house. Cadet Technical Sergeant Melanson and Cadet Staff Sergeant Choiniere volunteered to take on this mission. The project of the evening was the construction and launching of



foam Goddard rockets. Armed with duct tape and the other project components, the cadets readied for their mission. After a short opening ceremony, Cub Master Taylor introduced the CAP cadets to the audience along with the project of the evening before releasing the excited hoard on the waiting cadets. With a mad rush of excitement, the cadets were soon overrun by the mass of seven to eleven year old boys clad in blue uniforms. Without hesitation and with great distinction Cadets Melanson and Choiniere took control of their stations, and before too long, all of the participants were launching their rockets throughout the meeting hall. At the completion of the task, it was determined that thirty-five rockets were constructed within a thirty-minute period.

The evening was such great successes that not only were accolades and thanks expressed, but the Goddard Squadron has been asked to return this fall with another activity.





NHQ/PA Authorize New “TAG” Line

Please begin using the following tag line at the end of your news releases. It has been updated by our NHQ/PA team.

"Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 58,000 members nationwide. CAP performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 91 lives in fiscal year 2008. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the more than 23,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 68 years."

Pilgrim Squadron Holds Christmas Party

As reported by Maj. Robert Yaeger

There were lots of cadets, parents and guests that attended this year's Christmas Party. We had a great Christmas party with tons of good food prepared by our cadets' moms. All the parents seemed to have a good time visiting with each other and members of Pilgrim. During the program portion of the evening, the Squadron Commander, Maj. Yaeger read an impressive list of events the squadron participated in this year. Also in attendance were State Representatives Bill Straus and Vinny Demacedo who presented a Billy Mitchell Award to 2nd Lt. Heidi Schneider. Representative Straus also presented her a certificate from the House of Representatives recognizing her for her achievement.

Maj. Yaeger gave plaques to parents Judy Lentini, for her work organizing the parents group; Nancy Justice, for her efforts as "Candy Mom; and Diane Yaeger, who packed up and sent about 40 boxes of snacks and sundries to our troops.

The squadron also awarded the Armstrong ribbon to Cadet Josh Burchman. Cadet Catherine Clemons was named as Pilgrim Composite Squadron Cadet of the Quarter and Cadet Heidi Schneider was named as the Pilgrim Composite Squadron Cadet of the Year because of her outstanding participation and leadership. Capt. Dave Newman was recognized for his exceptional work at Communications, Capt. Peter Goble for his tireless work rehabbing the squadron building and Lt. Laurel Weinstock for her diligence bringing Pilgrim up to speed in Emergency Services.



Goddard Squadron Hosts Dinner with NASA Astronaut

By C/MSgt Sean Mullane & Capt Wendy Mullane © 10/31/09
Goddard Cadet Squadron



Needless to say, you usually don't see a former astronaut and Air Force Colonel, in full dress blues, talking to a group of cadets intermingled with townspeople from all over Massachusetts.

However, Goddard Cadet Squadron of Worcester Airport, Worcester, Massachusetts, was able to set it up. Drawing in the Wing Commander, Cadet Advisory Council (CAC), and numerous cadets and non-cadets alike, this year's "Dine with an Astronaut" event was one of the most successful aerospace events to date in Goddard Squadron's history.

"It was the best CAP sponsor's aerospace activity I have seen in my 20 years in CAP," Goddard Cadet Squadron's Commander, Major David Oriol, said to the squadron.

"Dine with an Astronaut" was held at Framingham's Village Hall, a National Historical Landmark, on Sunday, October 25. Since being built in 1834, Village Hall endured during the Industrial Revolution and withstood the War Between the States. Now, it has officially stepped into the future as it offered the perfect venue as Goddard Squadron hosted an aerospace event designed to inspire the next generation of leaders and provide knowledge of one of NASA's most significant space programs – the Space Transportation System.



Colonel Mike Mullane, the event's guest speaker, is a retired Air Force Colonel. He graduated in the West Point Class of 1967 and took a commission in the US Air Force. He went on to fly 134 combat missions in Vietnam aboard RF-4 Phantom II aircraft. He was then selected in the first group of Space Shuttle astronauts, and went on to fly three space missions—STS-27, 36, and 41D—aboard the Space Shuttles Atlantis and Discovery.



Colonel Mullane surprised everyone by showing up in his old Air Force dress blues, giving cadets a glimpse of an Air Force Field-Grade officer.

Mullane's presentation, "Countdown to a Dream," gave cadets a history of how he became an astronaut, and what they need to do to follow their dreams.

"Remember—I wasn't an astronaut because I was a whiz kid, or because I was extremely popular in school, or because I was a star athlete. I was an astronaut because I did my best, even when I

thought it didn't count," Colonel Mullane said in his presentation last Sunday. As his words echoed through Village Hall, every person, from the youngest to the most senior, was captured by Colonel Mullane's passion for space, his wisdom in dealing with life's most difficult challenges, and his enthusiasm as he motivated every person present to not give up on their dreams and to always "DREAM BIG!"

Colonel Mullane was also selling two of his books at the function. The first, [Do Your Ears Pop in Space](#), addresses 500 questions that people have asked him about space and his experiences as an astronaut. He even addresses the all-important question of "How do astronauts go to the bathroom in space?" in this book. The answer might surprise many as it involves a device very similar to a vacuum cleaner! The second book, [Riding Rockets, The Outrageous Tales of a Space Shuttle Astronaut](#), is his life story. If you are interested in having him talk at your next event or company meeting about safety and "Normalization of Deviance," or would like to order one of his best-selling books, please go to www.mikemullane.com.

The day concluded with Colonel Mullane answering questions and then taking photographs with all who participated. While Colonel Mullane's message of the day was one of inspiration and perseverance, he had also integrated much of his own humorous personality and attitude. Some community members and cadets were still chuckling as they walked out the doors of Village Hall that afternoon.



Col Mullane chats with Col. Meskill, MAWG Commander



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Minute Man Squadron Hosting Basic Leadership School

Lt Col Frank Pocher Minute Man Squadron is holding its semiannual Basic Leadership School (BLS) 22-24 January 2010 at Stoddard Army Reserve in Worcester. The Basic Leadership School is an excellent training opportunity for cadets who are working toward the Curry and Arnold Achievements. Activities include classes on Followership and Leadership, Customs and Courtesies, CAP History and Organization, Proper Wear and Care of Uniforms and more. Drill practice, teamwork activities, participation in the Character Development Foundations discussion and the CPFT test and are also important features of the weekend. The Curry and Arnold exams are conducted for the cadets.

Cadet staff runs the weekend including teaching classes and drill blocks. Cadet staff from other squadron will be welcome. The number of Cadet Staff positions depends on the number of cadets who register. A full Senior Staff provides supervision and support services; and a full ORM safety plan is prepared.

The BLS begins on Friday evening at 1800 hrs and ends on Sunday by 1700 hrs. This is an overnight activity and a full packing list will be sent to attendees. Families are invited to attend the graduation at the end. The fee for the weekend is \$25.00 which includes 3 meals on Saturday, 2 meals on Sunday and educational material. The **deadline for cadet staff** registration is 14 Jan and the **deadline for cadet student** registration is 18 Jan. Senior members can also register.

This is a great activity and the visiting squadrons have enjoyed it!

For more information: call either Capt Harrison Ingraham at 978-897-8066 or 978-844-3859 or send e-mail to Harry.Ingraham@mawg.cap.gov



The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities has caused many Americans to search for alternative home heating sources such as wood burning stoves, space heaters, and fireplaces. Heating is one of the leading causes of residential fires. Over one-quarter of these fires result from improper maintenance of equipment, specifically the failure to clean the equipment.

Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning is another danger when using heating equipment fueled by fossil fuel. It occurs most often when equipment is not vented properly. CO deaths have been on the rise since 1999. On average there were 181 unintentional non-fire deaths from CO poisoning associated with consumer products per year from 2004-2006 compared to 123 from 1999-2001 (Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission).



MC-12 arrives, heralds activation of 4th ERS



Posted 12/28/2009
by Tech. Sgt. John Jung
455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

12/28/2009 - **BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan (AFNS)** -- The newest aircraft to the Air Force's inventory arrived Dec. 27, 2009, to Bagram Airfield. The MC-12 aircraft, tail number 090623, was the first of an undisclosed number of aircraft for the new 4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron here.

Following the MC-12's arrival, the 4th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron was activated to carry out MC-12 operations in the Afghan theater of operations.

The MC-12 is much more than just a fleet of aircraft. It also consists of equipment and personnel that collect and broadcast full-motion video and signals intelligence, as well as crews that process, exploit and disseminate the information. In addition, the MC-12 encompasses a host of communications experts that support and maintain the added capability that the aircraft brings to the warfighter.

As the demand for Air Force ISR increases assets, the MC-12 is positioned to meet that demand.

The first of its kind for the Air Force in Afghanistan, the MC-12 provides real-time ISR in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. The aircraft bring another capability to Operation Enduring Freedom because the MC-12 is not just an aircraft, but a complete collection, processing, analysis and dissemination system of Airmen committed to securing Afghanistan and protecting Afghan and coalition lives.

Overall, the MC-12 will augment information gathered by other ISR assets already operating in Afghanistan and complement existing capability. The platform will enhance how Air Force ISR complements the total intelligence 'picture' in the respective commander's scheme of maneuver in the battle space.



World's First Commercial Spaceship Revealed

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By: Reilly Brennan, AOL Autos



VSS Enterprise. Even the name conjures thoughts of space flight, the future and perhaps -- for a lucky and well to-do passenger -- a boarding pass.

That's the name given to the very first commercial space ship that will take flight in two years, courtesy of Virgin Galactic. The initial rollout of the first SpaceShipTwo craft (that's the model name for the Enterprise) took place recently in the Mohave Desert, with California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson and Virgin founder Richard Branson smashing a celebratory bottle of champagne to unveil it to the world.

The reveal was the first peek at the full liveried VSS Enterprise. It's built by Scaled Composites, the company owned by explorer and entrepreneur Burt Rutan, the man who won the X Prize in 2004 when his SpaceShipOne went into space twice within two weeks to win a \$1 million prize.

Following that feat, Virgin Galactic was formed along with the Abu Dhabi government as a true commercial space concern using Rutan's crafts. The first part of VG's plan is to offer "sub-orbital" flight into space. What does "sub-orbital" mean? Achieving an altitude of over 62 miles or 100 km.

While there is some debate over where "space" starts in terms of altitude, the Virgin flight will take passengers high enough to see the curvature of the earth. For a point of comparison, the US military and NASA offer astronaut wings to those who travel above 50 miles over the earth's surface, so this bests that by a good margin.

What's so special about it? -- "This will be a trip like no other," said Branson earlier this year. "It will give those who travel with us a unique and life-changing experience."

The real brilliance of the experience, though, isn't just the ability to hang out in space for a few minutes. It's the novel design of the entire craft -- or, in reality, the two crafts that launch passengers into space.

When the "mothership," aka "VMS Eve" an example of the WhiteKnightTwo craft, takes off, it does so like a traditional airplane. The smaller SpaceShipTwo is cradled in between its fuselages. At about 50,000 feet, the VSS Enterprise takes over: a rocket propels the spaceship and in a matter of seconds, a whole lot of distance is placed between the passengers and the earth below. Eventually it hits an altitude of over



62 miles above the earth, where passengers can float and move around the cabin.

In space and unencumbered by gravity, the craft follows its own trajectory (like that of a bullet) but pilots can fire small thrust rockets to get it on a specific course.

Upon re-entry to earth, the Enterprise will "feather" its wings in the up position to travel through earth's atmosphere in a more casual manner (as opposed to having to pilot it at a specific angle and speed). Once below 50,000 feet, the wings will return to a glider position and the craft can land like a normal airplane. That simple design idea by Burt Rutan and his team makes the spaceship unlike no other and, according to Virgin Galactic, will create a much more repeatable, safer flying environment.

If you're looking to go for a ride, get your \$200,000 handy and get in line. There are already over 300 people who have put down a \$20,000 refundable deposit to reserve their space.



Congress proclaims "Wright Brothers Day"

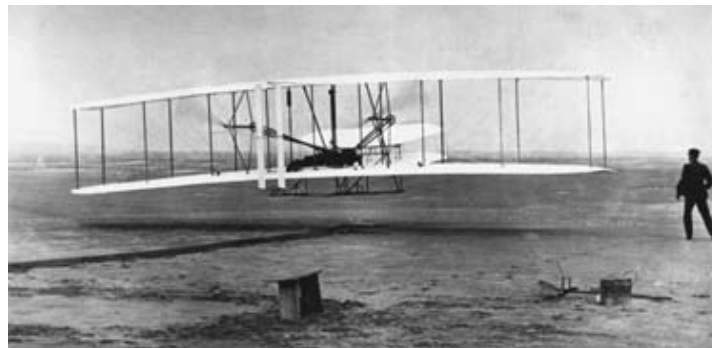
December 17, 2009 was identified as "Wright Brothers Day" commemorating the first successful flight in a heavier than air, mechanically propelled airplane. Orville and Wilber Wright made the flight on December 17, 1903, near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

The U.S. Congress, by a joint resolution approved December 17, 1963, designated December 17 of each year as Wright Brothers Day, and has authorized and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

For more information on the Wright Brothers National Memorial, you can visit the National Park Service website. <http://www.nps.gov/wrbr/index.htm>.

The Smithsonian has an online site dedicated to The Wright Brothers, available at http://www.nasm.si.edu/wrightbrothers/index_full.cfm.

Classroom activities, which can be tailored for AEO's, <http://www.nasm.si.edu/wrightbrothers/classroomActivities>



MAWG Squadrons participate in “Wreaths Across America”

*By Maj Robert Yaeger
Pilgrim Composite Squadron*



Pilgrim Composite Squadron - On Saturday, 18 Pilgrim members and family members helped place 2,400 wreaths on the graves of soldiers buried at the National Cemetery in Bourne. As part of the "Wreaths Across America" program, Pilgrim joined the Cape Cod and Brockton squadrons, VFW Post 40, the Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts and others in a memorial service and wreath placing.

Essex County Composite Squadron - Saturday, December 12, two cadets from Essex County Composite Squadron, C/CMSgt Hanna Kuegler and C/TSgt Alex Sullivan laid wreaths on the graves of several veterans at St. Augustine's and Spring Grove cemeteries in Andover, MA.

A wreath was also placed by C/CMSgt Hanna Kuegler at the Veterans Monument at Spring Grove Cemetery to honor the memory of all the men and woman for their service to our country.

Wreaths Across America is a national project started to honor service men and woman at Arlington National Cemetery at the holidays, and now is being carried out by Civil Air Patrol Squadrons across the country. Essex County Composite Squadron, located on Old Clark Road in North Andover, plans to continue this tradition.



Marvels and Miracles

By Megan Bard
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Eighty-year-old Colonel Fred Herbert of the Civil Air Patrol, pictured at the Groton-New London Airport with the Cessna Cardinal he pilots, has broken speed records for flights from Fisher's Island, N.Y., to Portland, Me., and Hartford to York, Penn.

Preston - On a recent frigid morning, Frederick G. Herbert pulled back the protective covering on a 1973 Cessna Cardinal parked at the Groton-New London Airport.

He removed the protective blocks that keep birds from nesting near the propeller and then proceeded to tell guests about the width of the two doors, which are nearly the size of an automobile's to make entering and exiting the plane easier. "It is a nice airplane, but it wasn't popular," he said looking at the flying machine. "It may be an old airplane, but it gets its annual inspections and is in pretty good shape." The same could be same for its pilot.

Herbert, 80, has been flying for 49 years. An accomplished pilot, he has logged more than 4,000 flight hours and is proud of his continued membership in the Thames River Composite Squadron, a unit of the Connecticut Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the United States Air Force. "He's been around for a long time. He

was there in the old days when the squadron was doing (submarine) patrols. He's a living history book for the CAP and a wonderful person to have around," Squadron Lt. Col. and Commander Lawrence Kinch said recently.

As Herbert tells it, he's been flying so long he started with wooden propellers and 55-horsepower planes. He first took flight in 1947 at 18 years old, right around the time he joined the Maryland Air National Guard. "All that time when I flew I expected that if I went down or if I was overdue the CAP would come search for me," Herbert said with great sincerity. "In the 1980s I thought, 'Gee, maybe I ought to do something for the CAP because of all those years I thought they could be looking for me.'" Herbert joined the Thames River Squadron in 1981.

During his tenure he served as the commander of the Connecticut Wing, overseeing 13



squadrons throughout the state, and is now the northeast region's CAP historian. He has earned the rank of colonel within the CAP. In October 2008, Herbert was honored for his service to the patrol and as the northeast region's historian. Specifically, he was recognized for a record-breaking flight from Hartford to York, Penn., which he did in two hours and three minutes, averaging slightly more than 202 kilometers per hour. He flew a Cessna 177B and the flight record represents the fastest speed of any piston engine landplane weighing between 1,102 pounds and 2,205 pounds, according to a news release from the National Aeronautic Association distributed at that time.

The primary reason for the flight was not to break a record. It was to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the death of a 2nd Lt. Andre E. Maye, also of Connecticut. Maye was a CAP pilot out of the Courier Service stationed at Bradley Airport, a service that transported personal and priority cargo on the onset of World War II. According to Sept. 15, 1943, edition of The Gardner News, of Gardner, Mass., Maye and mechanic George M. Menzel

died when their plane crashed in East Templeton. The two were en route to the Grenier Airport in New Hampshire.

In addition to the record in honor of Maye, Herbert also holds a second record for "speed over a recognized course" from Fisher's Island, N.Y., to Portland, Me., set in 1997. Currently, Herbert uses the Cessna Cardinal, which he has co-owned with other pilots since 2002, and has taken many trips throughout the northeast region, mostly casual flights, such as transport to weddings or to visit friends. Herbert said he expects to continue serving and flying for many more years, so long as he passes his annual pilot's physical. "I've passed every year so far," he said with a sheepish grin as he proudly showed his pilot's license to prove what he said was true; he passed his physical on Nov. 30.

"It's a good hobby," Herbert said recently. "Now some people are very uncomfortable flying in light aircraft, almost terrified, and others feel it's wonderful, miraculous. I have always felt that way ... I marvel at it more than the average person."

2010 MAWG Conference

March 26 – 28, 2010



Sturbridge, MA



CAP wrapped up in partnership with Vanguard

Janet Adams Contributing Writer

CAP's AEM Program

Civil Air Patrol offers a special category of membership to America's K-12 teachers in an effort to perpetuate the aerospace education mission and share potential aerospace and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) – related career options with today's young people.

Aerospace Education Member (AEM) benefits include more than 20 national standards-based aerospace curricula resources, to include a full-color, 675 page textbook; grants and awards programs; professional development opportunities; and teacher orientation airplane flights. Interested teachers may join for \$35 online. For more information about the aerospace education programs of CAP and AEM information for teachers, go to www.capmembers.com/ae.



This new wrapped Civil Air Patrol van, driven by South Dakota Wing Commander Col. Mike Beason, increases public awareness of the all-volunteer organization. The wrap was paid for, in part, through royalties from members' purchases of uniforms and other CAP merchandise from Vanguard.

Ever wondered how the crisp, colorful advertising seen on race cars, vans and trucks is applied?

South Dakota Commander Col. Mike Beason knew how it was done, but he never imagined he would be wrapped up in a project that would give his squadron mega-recognition impact!

The phrase "it's a wrap" now holds a whole new meaning for Beason. Instead of referring to the completion of a project, this wrap meant a new "look" for a recently acquired Civil Air Patrol van. According to Beason, who was assigned the van, "We were authorized to 'decorate' it with one of the new advertising wraps designed by CAP National Headquarters," said Beason. "I will be using the van in my travels across the state (South Dakota), so it will provide countless hours of free advertising for CAP."

Commenting on the wrap's design, Beason added, "In addition to the standard CAP logos and Web site listings, two different CAP aircraft are depicted on the sides of the van. South Dakota Wing was particularly pleased to see that one of the aircraft used is a Cessna 182 assigned to South Dakota."

He added that the wing now plans to wrap all new vans as they are acquired.





Cadet Programs Corner

Lt. Col. John Flaherty – Director, MAWG Cadets Programs

Cadet Advisory Council

There will be a meeting of the MAWG CAC on Saturday, 16-Jan-10, at 0930L at the Stoddard Army Reserve Center in Worcester, MA. During the meeting elections will be held for the following positions: Chair and Vice-chair, and Recorder (if needed). If you unit's primary/alternate representatives are not available, please try to send at least one cadet to the meeting. Uniform for the day will be USAF Style Service Dress (Blues).

Cadet Lt Col Brian Silva will be stepping down as Chair and will work ensure a smooth transition to the new CAC Chairperson. Cadet Silva will be heading off to Basic Training in early March. He has done a fine job as Chair and we all wish him well as he begins his military career.

National Cadet Special Activities (NCSA) Boards

Review Boards will be held on Saturday, 16-Jan-10, starting at 1030L at the Stoddard Army Reserve Center in Worcester, MA. All cadets who plan on attending an NCSA and NESAs, as a participant or staff are required to sit for a Review Board, prior to being allowed to attend the activity. Uniform of the day will be USAF Style Service Dress (Blues).

Encampment Cadet Staff Boards

Review Boards for all cadet encampment staff positions will be on Saturday, 16-Jan-10 at the Stoddard Army Reserve Center in Worcester, MA. Boards will begin immediately following the NCSA Boards. For those cadets attending the NCSA Boards who intend to apply for an Encampment staff position, Encampment will be discussed during your review board. All applicants should bring three (3) copies of a resume outlining their various achievements and experience. This will allow the Review Board members to see each Cadet's qualifications for the position(s) they are applying for. Uniform of the day will be USAF Style Service Dress (Blues).

Point of contact for all three events is 1Lt Rich Poor, MAWG Cadet Activities Director at ltcommander@aol.com. If cadets are unable to attend either the NCSA or Encampment Staff Boards they are to contact Lt Poor immediately.

MAWG Cadet Milestone Award Review Boards

MAWG Supplement 1 to CAPR 52-16 outlines the process for cadets who wish to sit for a milestone award exam. MAWG Review Boards are required for the following: Mitchell, Earhart, Eaker, and Spaatz Awards. For those Awards that require an exam the review board must take place prior to the cadet taking the exam. For the Eaker Award the review board must take place prior to the CAPF 52-4 can be submitted to National.

Cadets should be applying for a review board using MWF 12-4; a copy of which is available on the wing website. Cadets are to complete the form and submit it to their Commanders for comment and approval. Commanders, you should be adding comments in the Remarks Section (Section IV) of the form stating your endorsement of the cadet to the Review Board. Completed forms can be sent to 1Lt Rich Poor, MAWG Activities Officer, care of Wing Headquarters. Forms can be electronically sent using the following email

ltcommander254@aol.com with a copy to the MAWG Administrator.

Milestone Award Review Boards take place on the second Wednesday of every month (if needed). MWF 12-4s are due at Wing Headquarters by the third Wednesday of the month, to be eligible for a Review Board the following month. (e.g. In order to be eligible for the Boards on February 10 February 2010, a Cadet's MWF 12-4 must be received at Wing Headquarters by Wednesday, 20 January 2010.) Once MWF 12-4s are received the cadet and their commander will be contacted by Lt Poor to confirm the Review Board.



Boston Cadet Squadron Hosts Military Dining Out

By Lt Col Keith Raymond, MAWG-PAO

On Saturday, November 7, 2009, I had the opportunity to attend the Boston Cadet Squadron Inaugural Military Dining Out, at The Knights of Columbus Hall in Quincy, MA, MA. In attendance were members of the squadron, their friends and relatives, as well as members from Massachusetts Wing Headquarters and squadrons from around the Wing. We were also honored to be joined by members of the Tuskegee Airmen.



Guests at the Dining Out enjoyed great food, good times, good dancing and the occasional trip to the Grog Bowl. It was also a great opportunity for family and members of Boston Cadet Squadron to meet members from other units.

The highlights to the evening were the swearing in of three new cadets into the Boston Cadet Squadron in addition to comments from the Guest Speakers, of the Tuskegee Airmen. With the success of this first Dining Out, I am looking forward to next year. Great Job Boston Cadet Squadron!

Promotions and Award

- 🇺🇸 2nd Lt Bob Boucher, who is assigned to MAWG HQ was promoted to 1st Lt.
- 🇺🇸 2nd Lt Joe Fratto, who is assigned to MAWG HQ was promoted to 1st Lt.
- 🇺🇸 2nd Lt Richard Poor, who is assigned to MAWG HQ, was promoted to 1st Lt.

Gill Robb Wilson Award

- 🇺🇸 Major James R. Fallon – MAWG HQ



MAWG Calendar



January 2010

- 1/16/10 - NCSA Board (1030 to 1430) – Stoddard Reserve Center
- 1/24/10 – Ambassador Training (0800 to 1700) – MAWG HQ
- 1/22/10 thru 1/24/10 – Basic Leadership School – Stoddard Reserve Ctr.



February 2010

- 2/3/10 - MAWG Staff Meeting (1900)
- 2/27/10 thru 2/28/10 – IG Course (Westover ARB)



March 2010

- 3/26/10 thru 3/28/10 – MAWG Conference (Sturbridge Host)



April 2010

- 4/17/10 – 4/18/10 - Unit Commander's Course (location TBD)



May 2010

- 5/15/10 – 5/16/10 – Squadron Leadership Course (location TBD)

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